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report as SKORI should be changed to read SKORYY.

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11 February	0830	Gdynia harbor	3 destroyers	SKORI	-	The vessels put to sea toward Hela from Gdynia together with a tug towing a practice target alongside.
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16 February	0730	Gdynia harbor		destroyers	SKORI	Put to sea from Gdynia.
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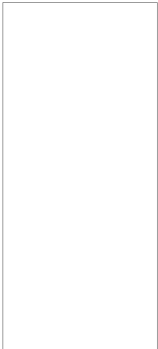
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